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Title: **GAMING MACHINE**

AMENDMENT AS SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 **REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION OF DECEMBER 7, 2010**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT – VIA EFS

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

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Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 7, 2010, Applicant now submits a Request for Continued Examination for the above identified application contemporaneous with the following Amendment as a submission under to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c), the Amendment comprising the following parts:

- I. Listing of the Claims**, beginning on page 2;
- II. Remarks**, beginning on page 7; and
- III. Conclusion**, beginning on page 12.

The shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire three months from the mailing of the aforementioned Final Office Action, i.e., on March 7, 2011. This paper is being timely filed within the shortened statutory period for reply. Accordingly, please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record for this application.